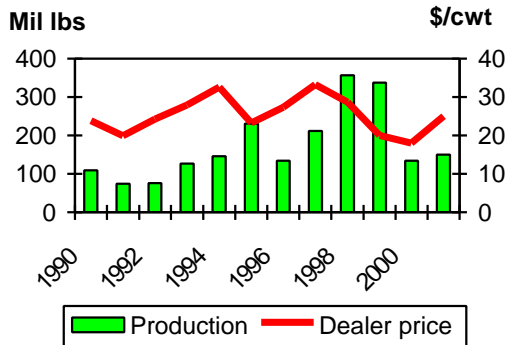
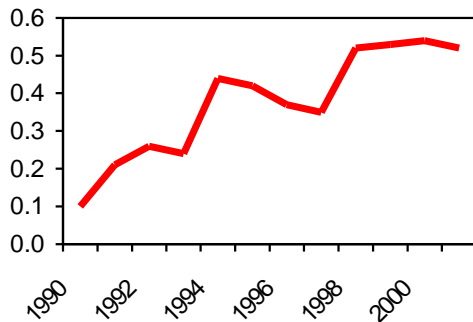


Dry Beans: Black Beans

Black bean output & price



Black bean per capita use
Pounds



Black beans were the fastest growing U.S. dry bean class during the 1990's. Per capita use rose from less than one-tenth of a pound in 1990 to one-half pound in 2000.

During 1998-2000, black beans were the third largest class of dry beans produced in the United States, with 9 percent of total bean output. Michigan is the leading U.S. producing state, with 63 percent of the crop, followed by North Dakota and New York. Sold canned and in dry packs, black beans are used in many food dishes, such as soup, stews, rice dishes, and casseroles.

In the United States, black beans are grown commercially in eight states. On an average annual basis (1998-2000):

- Black beans are harvested from 167,200 acres.
- Black bean yield is 1,640 pounds per acre.
- Estimated black bean crop value is \$53 million.
- Domestic use of black beans is about 144million pounds.
- Black bean per capita use has been rising, and now stands at 0.5 pounds.
- Supermarket sales of dried and canned black beans have increased and now total over \$45 million.
- The U.S. is a net exporter of black beans. In 1999, exports were 52 million pounds (\$15 million).

Annually, the United States exported 24 percent of its black bean supplies during the 1990s. Mexico is the major export destination, with countries such as Brazil, Guatemala, Haiti, and Venezuela buying largely during times of short supplies.

See [Vegetables and Specialties Situation and Outlook Report](#) for more information on black beans.

U.S. black beans: Supply, utilization, and price, farm weight, calendar year, 1970-01 1/

Year	Supply				Utilization				Per capita use		Season-average price 6/	
	Production 2/	Imports 3/	Beginning stocks	Total	Exports 3/	Seed use 4/	Ending stocks 5/	Total	Annual	3 year average	Current dollars 1/	Constant 1996 dollars
Million pounds									Pounds		\$/cwt	
1970	22.7	0.0	50.0	72.7	38.3	0.9	30.0	3.5	0.02	--	--	--
1980	145.1	0.0	22.4	167.5	119.6	6.4	36.4	5.1	0.02	0.03	--	--
1990	109.2	2.9	7.1	119.2	46.3	3.6	45.4	23.9	0.10	0.06	23.85	27.57
1997	212.2	2.6	64.8	279.6	66.8	7.6	110.3	94.9	0.35	0.38	33.19	32.57
1998	356.4	5.2	110.3	471.9	141.5	13.7	176.7	140.0	0.52	0.41	28.59	27.73
1999	337.1	7.6	176.7	521.4	71.7	10.6	294.4	144.7	0.53	0.47	20.00	19.12
2000 f	134.1	5.0	294.4	433.5	75.0	5.4	204.5	148.6	0.54	0.53	--	--
2001 f	150.0	6.3	204.5	360.8	100.0	6.0	110.3	144.5	0.52	0.53	--	--

-- = not available. f = ERS forecast.

1/ Includes both fresh and processing beans. 2/ Source: USDA, NASS. 3/ Source: Bureau of the Census, USDC.

4/ Seed use is estimated by ERS. 5/ Approximated from Michigan's dry bean marketing pattern. Assumes no carryover into next crop year. 6/ F.o.b. dealer (wholesale) prices. Constant dollar prices calculated using the GDP implicit price deflator, 1996=100.

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